**Funds for roads in Assam**

3701. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state the details of the financial allocation made for Assam during the Tenth Five Year Plan for widening, expansion and repair works of various National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: The State-wise allocation for improvement works including widening as well as maintenance and repair of National Highways is made year-wise. The allocation for the State of Assam during first two years of Tenth Five Year Plan is given below:

| Year | Allocation (Rs. in crores) | |
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| | Plan | Non-Plan |
| 2002-03 | 73.00 | 26.92 |
| 2003-04 | 70.00 (Tentative) | 19.81 (Tentative) |

**Assistance under CRF**

3702. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided assistance from the Central Road Fund for construction of bridges and improvement of roads in the State;

(b) if so, the number of such proposals pending with Government for release of funds, State-wise; and

(c) by when these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As on date, 693 number of proposals for improvement of State Roads and Bridges are pending for approval under Central Road